Prizes given for the Best Decorated Float in Parade at the Columbus Day Celebration Friday, October 12th

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NO ORDERS FOR FINAL QUOTA

Local Board Does Not Know When Balance of Men Will Be Called

110 MEN ARE YET NEEDED

When asked on Tuesday as to when the final contingent of 438 men from the Fifth District would be sent to the military cantonment at Camp Sherman, John O. Watson, chairman of the local exemption board, said they had no information from the state authorities as to when the remaining 25 per cent was to be mobilized. To date the local board has sent all but seven men required by the former calls, but they expect to have every man in line when the final orders are received to send the men to Chillicothe. The board has enough of men qualified to make up the remainder of the quota, which will require about 110 men, which with the shortage from former calls, will mean a total of about 117 men.

The call may be delayed a few days because of the large number of men who have already been sent to the different encampments and until such time as these former draftees are taken care of the authorities may want a few days to get things in proper shape. In addition there remains more or less work to do at the various camps before they are complete, and it is likely the government desires to have the barracks for the men thoroughly equipped and in readiness for every demand that may be made upon them.

It is likely the Fifth district will be called upon to make up some deficiencies in the quota because of the fact that a number of draftees have been rejected on physical grounds, while some have been discharged from service for other reasons.

HIGHWAY BIDS FOR COUNTY ROADS

State Highway Commissioner O'Neil on Tuesday opened bids for the construction of improved roads in western Pennsylvania, two of which are in Washington county:

One is State highway route 108 in Cecil and North Strabane townships bid submitted by Peter F. Connelly, of Elmira, N. Y. This project calls for 19,318 feet of vitrified brick and reinforced concrete pavement 16 feet wide.

The other is in East Bethlehem township and calls for 5,900 feet of vitrified block and reinforced concrete pavement 16 feet wide. The Crossman Construction company of Brwnsville, submits a bid of $75,322.

GIVEN SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

A surprise party was tendered Frank B. Chew in honor of his birthday anniversary, at his home Tuesday night. About thirty-five guests were present, from Belle Vernon, Monessen and Charleroi and the evening was spent in games and music. The home was decorated in a beautiful manner, the prevailing colors being red, white and blue, with a sprinkling of autumn leaves. At the conclusion of the festivities a patriotic lunch was served. The honored one was the recipient of many handsome presents, testimonials from his friends.

HALLOWE'EN CELEBRATION

Charleroi Will Hold its Annual Mardi Gras at Usual Time

PLANS NOW BEING FORMED

The usual and annual celebration of Hallowe'en will be held in Charleroi this year, Wednesday evening, October 31. The celebration will take place under direction of the Business Men's Association, but whether it will be as elaborate as in former y ears they are unable to determine at this time. War conditions will naturally affect the celebration but is is expected to that it will be sufficiently interesting to bring out the usual large crowds which have heretofore made the streets of Charleroi resemble a mardi gras. Details will be worked out within the next few weeks and due announcement will be made public in plenty of time to give all those who desire to take part ample opoprtunity to preare for the event.

Charleroi has made quite a reputation in the valley by reason of its hallowe'en celebration and its fame has gone up and down the Monongahela and all over the eastern end of the county by reason of the success which has heretofore attended all these efforts. Unless there is some unforseen event in connection with the war, the promoters of the celebration believe that the coming event will be just as interesting and just as creditable as those of former years.

In any event every preparation will be made to celebrate the evning and thn it will be up to the people to make the plans a success.

Over Hundred varieties of Dahliss will be shown at Haube's. Come and see them. 93-t2

THE SMOKE FUND IS INCREASING

MAIL'S TOBACCO FUND.

Previously reported	$38.50
Harry Assenat	1.00
Miss Annette Wikstrom	1.00
Creie Knoppenberger	.25
S. L. Woodward	2.00
Total	$42.75

Why are we carrying on our campaign for "smokes" for soldiers now in service abroad? Well, it gives us all a chance to make the lot of our boys in France a little more comfortable; to bring to them a little good cheer, and the happy sense that somebody's thinking of them with a kindly thought when all conditions around them are cheerless.

You can have a part in this work if you will; and you can send a "smokes-kit" to some soldier in a very personal way, by subscribing 25 cents; make it more if you choose; but whatever it be, it will be a welcome addition to the fund. By contributing even 25 cents you can make some soldier happy.

The personal element enters into it beause with each 25 cents subscribed we send one complete smokes-kit, and in it we put a stamped postcard with the name of the subscriber with a request to the soldier who gets it to write some messages on the card and mail it. For a dollar we send four kits and four post cards; for $10 we send 40, each with its card and your name and address. It is a splendid gift to a man who is longing for a smoke like he used to get "back in the States." He will appreciate it more than words can tell, and you can materially contribute to this condition if you will.

AGED CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

David Krepps died at 11 o'clock this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Hazlett, 231 Washington avenue. Mr. Krepps, who was 83 years old on the 25th of last September had been ill but two weeks. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Sophia A. Hazlett of Charleroi; one son Charles Krepps of Edgewood and two grandchildren Gertrude and Alvin Krepps. One brother, James of Mongantown, also survives. Mr. Krepps had been a resident of Charleroi since April 4th, previous to that time having lived in Allenport, where he had spent practically all of his life.

MUST ACCOUNT FOR A SET OF TIRES

Jacob Zeidman has been cited to appear before Justice of the Peace Rice this evening at 7 o'clock, to answer to a charge made by S. P. Carter, of Monessen, relative to the possession and sale of a set of automobile tires. It appears that a car owned by Mr. Carter was wrecked a short time ago, and before the machine could be taken to the garage some one stripped it of the tires. It is said the one who took the tires was a colored man, who is alleged to have disposed of them to Zeidman, who in turn sold them to Hiram Smith of Charleroi, for $24. Mr. Carter got trace of the tires and notified the Charleroi police, who recovered them and now have them in their possession at police headquarters. Mr. Zeidman accompanied Officer Murphy to Justice Rice's office this morning and arranged to appear this eevning at the appointed hour, when the hearing will take place.

CAMP SHERMAN IS A SURPRISE

Roy I Carson, who was Captain of the second contingent which left Donora for Camp Sherman a few weeks ago, writes his father, Noah T. Carson under date of September 30, some very interesting facts concerning the conditions which he found at the big National Army cantonment at Chillicothe. He says:

"We are spending today our second Sunday in camp. Sunday here is a day of rest and recreation. There is church at the Y. M. C. A. and mass at the K. of C. hall, but the most of the day is spent in letter writing, walking over camp and [illegible]ing friends ~~that you~~ know and [illegible]alking down town to meet vis[illegible] and playing ball. [illegible] are getting accus[illegible] from home and to [illegible] of living here differ[illegible] what the most of us expected, except we have better food and more of it, than we had anticipated. There is a fair variety of menus, with the prospect of a greater variety still after tomorrow, when the various company messes will be operated separately by the company mess sargents. The officers are very careful to see that the men are properly fed and clothed, because sick and disabled men are an expense and incumbrance to an army.

When we arrived in Camp we were divided between two different companies, ~~myself and six~~ others were sent to Company L of the Second Depot Regiment while the others were assigned to the Supply Company of the 330th Regiment. Everything here is still in a formative stage, plans are announced one day and changed the next, for reasons unknown to us. Our company has been changed to the First Depot Regiment, Company C of the Training ~~Batallion and~~ several of the

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NO TRACE OF POST OFFICE BURGLARS

Local police have been unable so far to get any trace of the parties who robbed the Charleroi post office Monday night. Some are of the opinion that the robbery was the work of amateurs, but if so, they appeared to be smart enough to leave no trace behind.

SELL LAST OF THEIR HOLDINGS

River CoalDisposes of Landing and Equipment in the South

NO MORE SOUTHERN TRADE

A little news item in a Pittsburg paper a day or so ago conveyed the information that the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, now a subsidiary of the Pittsburg Coal company, had sold its Cairo interests, consisting of the landing, barges and a steamer to Oscar F. Barrett, of the Barrett Transportation company of Cincinnati. It is said that this was the last of the holdings of the Pennsylvania company on the Mississippi.

It is not so many years ago that Pittsburg coal interests were a great factor in the business life of the southern plantation along the Mississippi river and its tributaries. The greatest towing steamers in the world were constructed and operated out of the Pittsburg harbor and annually millions of [illegible] of coal were sent [illegible] of this trade.

[illegible] the prophecy made some years ago that Pittsburg industries would require all thecoal produced in the adjoining district has come true. The Pittsburg Coal company, which took over the River Coal company interests, a few years ago discontinued the shipment of coal south, because the local demands were more than it could look after. Pittsburg industries are now taking all the coal that the local district can produce. The needs of furnace, mill and factory are so great here that there is no fuel to be spared to be sent elsewhere. Instead, we are likely to see coal being towed up the Ohio river for fuel purposes in Pittsburg and vicinity, for our manufacturing plants are continually growing and require even greater amounts of fuel from year to year. It has been a wonderful expansion that has come to us, but large as it is, it will be even gerater within the next decade.

Dahlia Show tomorrow at Haube's Flower Store. 98-t2

CHARLEROI'S GROWING LIST

Forty-Seven Additional Men Are Added to the Country's Defenders

LIST WILL BE MUCH LARGER

The following is a list of the men who live in Charleroi and North Charleroi, who left with the third contingent of men from the Fifth District for Camp Hancock at Chillicothe, Ohio Saturday, October 6. There are 47 names in the list, thus adding materially to the long line of men who have gone from Charleroi and who are preparing to "do their bit" for Uncle Sam in the present war with Germany. The list is as follows:

August Leclerq, 314 Second.
David W. Johns, 216 Fallowfield.
Robert Hill, N. Charleroi.
Joseph Picenotti, Meadow avenue.
Albert R. Gillingham, Fallowfield
Frank Protin, Fallowfield.
Alexander Sadesky, Ninth street.
Henry T. Harris, Third street.
Louis Hautissa, Lincoln avenue.
John Fakini, Sixth street.
Wm. Henry Moore, Lincoln avenue
Joe Kartzevitz, McKean avenue.
Michael Lombardo, Lincoln avenue
John P. McCloskey, McKean ave.
Frank Lubinsk, Meadow avenue.
Joseph W. Bennett, Fifth street.
Aaron Weiss, McKean avenue.
John E. Califfe, McKean avenue.
Charles R. Fiedler, Crest avenue.
Delbert F. Feehan, N. Charleroi.
Harry Pawiack, Crest avenue.
Wasyl Sailor, McKean avenue.
Hanes Richtor, Lookout avenue.
Steve Hoga, Meadow [illegible]
John Buday, Prospect.
Blaude Gioacchino, Fallowfield.
Thos. Rosbottom, Crest avenue.
Patrick Henry Gilmore Crest ave.
Harry L. Welsh, McKean.
William Heidyer, Charleroi.
Samuel Sweeney, Crest avenue.
Beny Isokewez, Crest avenue.
Carl McGuire, Meadow.
Ettore Melegari, Meadow.
Ignacz Kawdaianaj, Meadow.
Joseph L. Harosky, Oakland ave.
Frank Parise, Hotel Monier.
Ulisse Crusian, McKean avenue.
H. G. Burke, N. Charleroi.
George Storez, Shady avenue.
Marco Caponechia, McKean avenue
August Arrigo, Tenth street.
John Newton, McKean avenue.
Thos. Cicdewski, N. Charleroi.
Ugo F. Corine, Lookout avenue.
Clyde Strausser, Lincoln avenue.

ENTERTAINS LADIES OF THE AID SOCIETY

Mrs. W. A. Miksch entertained the Ladies Aid Society of Christ Lutheran church Tuesday evening at her home on McKean avenue. A business and social session was held and a dainty lunch was served.

Continuous 1 to 11 p. m. TODAY

MAJESTIC THEATRE

Children 5c Adults 10c

Douglas Fairbanks and Margery Wilson, in "DOUBLE TROUBLE"
The Name Suggests the Nature of Entertainment Awaiting You
Friday, Olive Thomas, in "Broadway Arizona"

COYLE THEATRE TODAY the last day
"The Birth of a Nation" two shows each day starting 3 o'clock afternoon, evening show 8:15
Thursday, Dorothy Phillips in a Bluebird picture entitled "The Rescue," also the serial picture "Neglected Wife"
Friday and Saturday, Douglas Fairbanks in an Artcraft picture "DOWN TO EARTH" and it promises to be one of the greatest Fairbanks pictures
Children 10c Adults 15c

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YOUNG MEN DON'T RUN AMERICA.

"There is no one major figure in American financial, industrial or commercial life today under forty [illegible]" points out the financial expert, B. C. Forbes, in the October issue of Hearst's Magazine, to those of us who expect to succeed over night.

"And what of the past? The original J. P. Morgan, though born rich and reared as an international banker, was sixty before he did his greatest work and nearer seventy before Wall Street, in its hour of trouble, acknowledged him as its undisputed leader.

"Harriman at fifty was an obscure broker with a penchant for railroading. Hill's hair was grey before he became the Empire Builder of the Northwest.

"At fifty Woodrow Wilson was a little known college professor, though a student of politics and history.

"Charles M. Schwab was president of the world's first billion dollar corporation before he was thirty-five, made a mis-step, lost his throne and dropped from the limelight for a decade; but all this time he had redoubled his efforts and he has done his greatest work since he crossed the half century mark. He did not quit. He stuck.

"The three most influential bankers in America today, George F. Baker, James Stillman and Jacob H. Schiff, average seventy years of age while the three leaders of the 'young' school, Henry P. Davison, Frank A. Vanderlip and Otto H. Kahn, have all lived a half hundred years or more.

"There is not a leading railroad president in the whole land not old enough to be a grandfather."

From this deduces a moral: "Employers today shun the shifters. Find your sphere then stick to it. It has taken millions of years to develop mankind, must we fret if it takes us a few years to rise above the rank and file of mankind? Must we quit if we don't get there quickly? The pace today calls for red blood, not white livers—men of grit, not grouch. Stickers, not sticklers are wanted."

COMPLETE VICTORY

President Wilson has said there is to be no peace without "complete victory." This statement brief and sufficient should put an end to any and all encouragement to propagandas which [illegible] peace with compromise. The United States is in this war to remove the menace of [illegible] strange but it is not. As long as the German autocracy have the power to create and declare war, as it did three years ago, so long will the peace of the world be endangered.

If we compromise the present conflict with a view of bringing about peace, it will leave the German autocracy just as strong as ever to carry on their designs and to put them into execution when they are better prepared than at present. The German nation has not been harmed physically. Their mills and mines and factories are intact. They are somewhat short on man power and foodstuffs, but with a compromised peace they would soon be able to be back in the position they were in 1914, even better and ready again to make war against the world. With such a peace the United States would be compelled to keep constantly a large standing army in order to be prepared for any eventualities that might arise.

To follow the lead of President Wilson, when strong nations are arrayed against Germany for the same purpose that the United States is, we should accept nothing but an unconditional surrender on the part of the German autocracy, which would mean the removal of all danger to democracy which the peace terms would provide. We cannot accept anything except a complete victory if we are to retain those things which are sacred to us. Kaiserism must go the long road.

KEEPING THE SABBATH DAY

In spite of the fact that a distinguished body of clergymen which [illegible] recently [illegible] gave their endorsement to Sunday baseball and [illegible] other forms of amusements on Sunday, there is refreshment for patriots wearied by the weakness in evidence among those charged with the conservation of the nation's spiritual strength in the [illegible] of Captain Schall, chaplain of the 111th formerly the 10th Pennsylvania Infantry, against the proposal to establish Sunday moving picture shows at Camp Hancock and in the support of which the leading newspapers of the territory from which the 111th is recruited, gives to the chaplain's display of starch.

In a communication to a pastor of a church in Augusta, Chaplain Schall thus expresses the reason for his disapproval:

"The army regulations enjoin an orderly observance of the Sabbath day by officers and men,' and there is a general desire on the part of the members of this division to observe this regulation both in letter and spirit.

"Speaking particularly for the 10th Infantry, I can say that I have canvassed sentiment among the officers and they are unanimous in their opposition to the form of entertainment proposed for Sundays by moving picture men. While I have been unable to inquire thoroughly among the men, as among officers, I feel certain they would not show any great demand for the opening of these places.

"For more than a hundred years Pennsylvania has had on its statute books laws in regard to the Sabbath which are opposed to this kind of entertainment. Repeated attacks have been made against these laws, but all of them have been defeated, the state legislature voting in strong majorities in opposition to the attacks because the overwhelming sentiment of the people is in favor of Sabbath observance.

"The young men at Camp Hancock disciplined under these laws, naturally do not manifest any great enthusiasm for the opening of the moving picture theatres and I know that most of the parents and friends of these young men back in Pennsylvania would be better pleased if they are kept closed.

"Furthermore I know that those who might desire open theatres on Sunday are unwilling to insist upon these desires if the Christian sentiment [illegible] against it. The Christian [illegible] community have been so generous [illegible] in bestowing their hospitality [illegible] the soldiers that no man among us would like it said that he intentionally offended their sentiments."

And as some of the papers published in the territory from which the 111th comes, say: "The views expressed by Chaplain Schall are so in accord with the attitude of the great body of Pennsylvanians upon the subject that the folks in the territory from which the old 10th got its soldiers will be encouraged by Mr. Schall's opposition to Sunday shows."

Whatever the habits of the men at the front, under the excitement of the battle the reversal of the policy of the army to keep in mind holy things in the training camps on the Sabbath day is without the semblance of substantial excuse.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The state convention of the Pennsylvania Sabbath Schools is being held in Pittsburg this week. The nearness of this convention serves to bring to mind the fact that the Sunday schools of the state are a mighty power for good. Moreover, they are strong numerically. An enumeration made in October, 1916 showed that the total attendance in the state was 2,284,583, and the enrollment this year will undoubtedly excel these figures.

From a training ground for the religious instruction of children the Sunday schools of the state have grown to be Bible schools in which the adults can have their proper and just share. It is no more a Sunday school in the meaning that they are alone for the smaller children, but have grown to the dignity of colleges and universities of a religious character, in which the instruction is imparted to those of more mature years.

As an asset to the church it is hard to estimate the full force and power of the Sabbath schools. Without them many churches would wither away, but with them every church can grow to be a power in the community in which it is located. The program to be presented at the various sessions of the State convention this week are by men and women of national note in the work, and those who are in attendance will greatly benefit by the splendid addresses [illegible] by [illegible] have a great message for all [illegible]

The amateur gardeners were retired temporarily from business by the frosts of the week, [illegible] harvest has been most gratifying. They will be ready to do even greater things next year.

Luxuries used to be things we could not afford to buy. Under present conditions necessities are now in that class.

There may be public apathy towards the war, but you would not think so to judge from the crowds which turn out to bid the drafted men good bye.

The frost is not only on the pumpkin, but likewise it is putting the finishing touches on base ball. This is rather chilly weather to watch them hit 'er out.

Nothing short of a complete victory will satisfy the United States. Anything else would be more than discouraging.

When you lend money to Uncle Sam you can be sure he will pay it back, and with a good rate of interest.

If you haven't already subscribed to a Liberty Bond the present is a good time to begin.

CAMP SHERMAN IS A SURPRISE

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officers taken to other companies. But we are keeping the same fellows in the ranks. I understand that they are as far as possible keeping the fellows from the same towns together. I know that we were thrown in with several of the fellows that came in the first 5 per cent.

The next morning after our arrival they took us to a hospital where we underwent a strict physical examination and I know that several will be sent home. They will have to undergo another examination or two before they are released in order to make sure that no mistake was made. Immediately after our physical examination we were vaccinated and inoculated for [illegible] injections after a [illegible] days and then no more for two years. This makes some of the fellows sick, but it must be done. I am told that these inoculations cost the government over $100 per man, but the prevention of typhoid will save much more than the cost.

You would be surprised to find the number of married men here. I thought I would be maybe the only one in the company, but far from it. There are several of them here that left children at home. I believe that the local board erred in sending any married men here who had to leave children at home, or in sending any man who had been married more than one year. They should have been held for a reserve and called after the others were all called. This seems to be the opinion of the officers and men with whom I have talked.

The commanders are careful in learning a man's trade or business, and fellows who are clerks will find plenty of that work awaiting them. I presume that you will be surprised to learn the attitude of the fellows toward the drilling and war. The company commander asked for volunteers to do kitchen work etc. These fellows would not need to drill and would remain back from the firing line but not one man in the 38 men in this company volunteered, although told of the advantages of the work. The captain therefore had to select five of the men and order them to do the work. The fellows appointed are now living in the hope that when the remaining men come to fill up our company, some of the new men will volunteer for the kitchen work.

I will not say that the fellows like army life, for few of them care for it but they feel that everything has has been absolutely fair and now they are going to do their best. We feel that Uncle Sam is providing for us better than any army was ever before cared for, and we must give value received.

There are slackers all over the country, but believe me they are going to have some rough sledding. Last Thursday a Major came to our Company and selected four of the huskiest fellows and took them away for Regimental Police. The fellows will be used to put down strikes by German sympathizers, so [illegible] bleachers etc. Two of them [illegible] some fellows who tried to evade going to Camp. These fellows will get [illegible] tough jobs, but they go prepared for anything.

We have been having ideal weather [illegible] since we arrived here. Except it gets very cold at night, although we are provided with two [illegible] men [illegible] in the next group to bring a [illegible] of heavy blanket with them.

The magnitude of the work our government is doing is almost beyond conception. This camp covers some 12 square miles and when completed will have some 2000 buildings on it and a large part of the work is now completed. Right in the middle of the camp you can see where the growing corn stalks were cut only four months ago. Yesterday I walked the whole length of the camp while the men were drilling and to see the thousands and thousands of men already drilling [illegible] and to think that not half were here yet, and that this is only one of fourteen similar camps throughout the country and that the Regular Army and the National Guards would have that many more, made me think that when the Kaiser realizes what Uncle Sam is doing, he will know that his dream of ruling the world was only a night-mare.

I presume that you have had many anxious inquiries as to the moral situation which I have found here, and I know that many people who had knowledge of that phase of army life almost trembled to think of what would follow in the camps. I want to say that I have had a pleasant surprise, for this National Army is setting an example which I hope it will follow throughout and one which will be the ideal of all armies for years to come. Drunkenness and immorality will not be tolerated around camp and you see none of it. This National Army is going to be the making of many a misguided fellow.

The officers here are a fine set of fellows, human, and therefore, err themselves sometimes; they are not the harsh dictators that some people would have you believe, but real gentlemen so far as I have observed.

Trusting that these few paragraphs will give you some enlightment and give you some real understanding as to what is going on here

Your son,
Roy I. Carson

Hard to See Through.

Bobbie's father was trying to raise incubator chickens, and one day as the little fellow was watching a chicken breaking its way through the shell, Bobby remarked: "I see how he gets out, all right, but I can't see how he got in."

Only Dine.

A great artist was once describing the decadence which in so many cases seemed to unfold the middle period of life. "Yes," he said, "old men dream dreams, and young men see visions, but middle-aged men only dine."

Manifold Uses for Cotton.

In calling attention to the manifold uses for cotton, cotton seed and cotton-seed oil, the Boston Herald mentions the following products: Photographic films, automobile windows, buttons, "ivory," artificial silk, combs, knife handles, trunks, book bindings, shoes, furniture, headwear, handbags, lard, soap, butterine, paints, rubber, guncotton and smokeless powder used in explosives.

The Largest Diamond.

The largest diamond that has yet been found is the Cullinan, which was discovered in the Premier mine in the Transvaal in 1907 and weighed 3,025¾ carats, or one and one-third pounds, in the rough, and at that it was apparently only a fragment of a larger stone. In cutting this immense gem it was divided into nine large stones and a number of brilliants, the largest finished stone being only 516½ carats.

A Vast Stage.

The largest stage in the world is that of the Grand Opera house in Paris. It is 100 feet wide, nearly 200 feet in depth and 80 feet high. The height is measured from the level of the stage to the "flies." The stage of the Metropolitan Opera house, New York, is 101 feet wide, 89 feet deep and 77 feet high.

Jumping Rope Recorder.

All the vocal gymnastics have been taken out of the youthful pastime of jumping rope. A jumping rope has been invented which automatically registers the numbers of times it is turned. In other words, children can jump themselves to death without uttering a sound.—Popular Science Monthly.

Taking All the Smell.

Dolly and Dick had saved their pennies and bought their mother a bouquet. In carrying it home Dolly kept smelling it constantly till finally Dick said: "There won't be no smell left for mama when we gets it home."

An Old-Time Plow.

An old-time plow, probably used by the early Spaniards around San Antonio, Tex., was upturned by workmen of a construction company. The plow has a three-foot turning blade capable of making a three-foot furrow, and although the wooden handles have rotted away the size of the iron supports indicates the plow must have been about twelve feet in length. It is believed the old instrument was used by the early Spaniards with several yoke of oxen.

Watch Winding Machine.

In a New York watch repairing establishment, where more than 700 watches have to be wound every day, an electrical apparatus has been installed to do the winding. It does the work more efficiently than human hands can, and takes the place of several men formerly required for this work.

WOMEN GIVE OUT

Housework is hard enough when healthy. Every Charleroi woman who is having backache, blue and nervous spells, dizzy headaches and kidney or bladder troubles, should be glad to heed this Charleroi woman's experience:

Mrs. D. F. W[illegible], [illegible] Second street, says: "I was troubled by backache for years. The pains were so intense at times it made me sick all over. I was always worse in the morning. Whenever I stopped a sharp pain darted through me and I could hardly catch my breath. Often it was just as though a knife were being stuck into me and I was tired all the time. I had rheumatic pains all through my body and my feet became swollen. I bought a couple of boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills at Piper Bros. Drug Store and they relieved me of all symptoms of the trouble. I now take Doan's Kidney Pills once in awhile and they always help me."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get [illegible]burn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

UNSELFISH MOTHER LOVE

Mother love is one of the most sacred things in the world. It prompts a mother to give her strength—her life even—gladly—happily—that her child may be safer, happier, stronger or better in every way.

Just a food—specially prepared to aid in making red blood and strong healthy tissue—is what she needs. Then all the natural functions of the body will be easily carried on with the least sense of fatigue or [illegible]. With [illegible] blood in her veins, mother will feel no ill effects from nursing baby.

[illegible] will aid mother in supplying her baby with a quantity of good quality milk and at the same time improve her general physical condition. When it is impossible to nurse the baby, secure the food most nearly like mother's milk by asking your druggist for Thompson's Food (Peptonized).

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One dose convinces.
Pipers Pharmacy and Carroll's Pharmacy and other reliable druggists.

Executor's Notice.

Estate of Maggie R. Lysle, deceased, late of the Borough of Charleroi, Pa.

Letters testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

Robert J. Lysle,
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Auction and Closing Out Sale
All goods to be sold at cut prices
SALE STARTS THURSDAY
Watches, Diamonds and Jewelry
Pathephones, Musical Instruments and Supplies
THOS. TOMLINSON
Jeweler
Opposite Post Office

The Communication Army

A bird's-eye view of the country today would show a mighty panorama of military and industrial activities.

Radiating from the National Capitol and from the army and navy centers throughout the land would appear the thousands of telephone lines by which all these vast enterprises are directed and co-ordinated—a veritable maze of wires linking together the camps, yards, fortifications, plants and offices, and swarming with linemen, cablemen and installers, busy with Uncle Sam's existing and ever-increasing demands for telephone service.

All this is but a part of the vast work which the Bell System is doing. The conservation of every resource will be required to keep pace with the constantly increasing demands for service, from both Government and private sources.

Join us in this patriotic service, by remembering that the more careful you are to make only telephone calls that are necessary and to confine your talks as much as possible, to the less busy hours of the day, the better we can meet the needs of the Nation.

The Central District Telephone Company
F. B. Burwell, Local Manager
Charleroi, Pa.

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Money Saved will be one of your best friends—a protection in adversity and a preparation for opportunity. Open your interest account with this Bank AT ONCE and have Good Insurance for the future.

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Our store offers you this service in conjunction with our large boys department.

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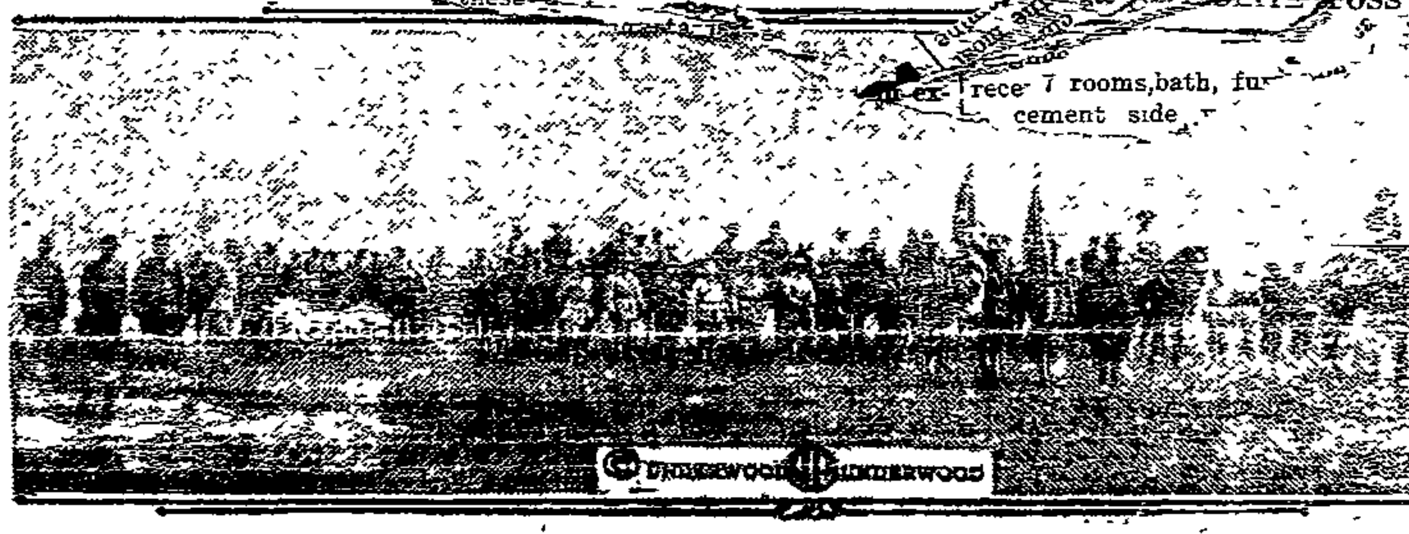
American Troops of Expeditionary Force Reviewed Near Western Front Where They Will Fight



Close to the scenes of the actual fighting on the battle front in France, several regiments of Americans have been reviewed by staff officers of the French army and the United States expeditionary force during the past few weeks. The troops which will be first to see service in the trenches have been carefully groomed during their "intensive training," and now they are almost ready to go into battle. The regimental colors beside the red, white and blue are seen in the foreground of the picture; the reviewing officers are in the rear and to the left. This American regiment is quartered with a French Division, the Chasseurs Alpinis, otherwise known as the "Blue Devils." Under the tutelage of these experienced fighters. Pershing's men have been initiated in the art of trench warfare.

AUXILIARY IS FORMED BY ST. JEROME LADIES

The ladies of St. Jerome's church met with Mrs. William High at the Elks Club Tuesday evening and organized an auxiliary of the Charleroi Chapter of the American Red Cross, by the election of the following officers:

President—Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]gan.

Secretary—Miss Harriet Wagner.

Treasurer—Mrs. William High.

The auxiliary will meet every Thursday evening to take up some form of work for the benefit of the Red Cross.

DIVORCE NOTICE

In the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pa., Philip Forte vs Theresa Forte subpoena sur libel for divorce. No. 155 August Term, 1917.

Notice To Respondent.

To Theresa Forte, respondent in the above mentioned case: You are hereby notified in pursuance of the Order of Court of Common Pleas of said County of Washington to be and appear in the said Court on the second Monday of November next, being the twelfth day of the month, to answer the petition of libel hereto preferred by the libellant, Phillip Forte your husband and show cause if any you have, why the said Philip Forte should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you agreeably to the Act of Assembly, in such cases made and provided. Hereof fail not under the penalty of having said petition heard and a decree of divorce granted in your absence.

Frank B. Wickersham,
Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office.
October 8, 1917.

Hugh E. Fergus. Atty.

O-10-17-24-31

He Came Back.

The director of a zoological garden was on his holiday. He received a note from his chief assistant which closed thus: "The chimpanzee seems to be pining for a companion. What shall we do until you return?"

Man's Responsibility.

Men say they are not responsible for the actions of their brethren [illegible] [illegible] so far as their example has [illegible] them to the misfortune or [illegible] of their brethren.—James S[illegible].

Lost Motion.

"I've climbed these stairs six times to see you, sir," said the bill collector. "Too bad, too bad," murmured Mr. Jobbles. "Now, what do you think of that, sir?" "Um. Well, I guess that comes under the head of lost motion."

A Break.

Member S. P. C. A. (to brutal driver) —"No, my friend, I won't shut up. Your poor horse, unfortunately, cannot speak like Baalam's ass, but I would have you know, sir, that I can.—Boston Transcript.

RESPECT MEMORY OF FORMER DIRECTOR

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was dispensed with Tuesday evening, owing to the death of the beloved director, Rev. T. F. O'Shea of Pittsburg in St Frances hospital Monday evening at 11:20, after an illness of four days, of pneumonia.

[illegible] O'Shea [illegible] Diocesan Conference of Christian [illegible] the Pittsburg diocese [illegible] a year ago, succeeding [illegible] P Griffin, Superior of the [illegible] [illegible] O'Shea [illegible] re- [illegible] [illegible] teachers in the method of teaching Christian Doctrine to [illegible] in outlying districts. He was very enthusiastic and earnest [illegible] entirely wrapped up in his mission. His loss will be keenly felt. A representative from Charleroi will attend the funeral.

The four young men who were taken from Washington as deserters from the National Army will not be tried by court martial. It developed that one of them had tuberculosis, one was under age and two were aliens.

COUNTY MUST REPAIR BRIDGE

Judge R. W. Irwin, in an opinion handed down on Tuesday, in the suit of the commonwealth, ex. rel., Francis Shunk Brown against John O. Watson, et al., involving the right of the county or of the state to maintain a certain bridge on the Upper Ten Mile Plank road, the court decided that it is the duty of the county commissioners to repair this bridge.

The bridge in question is located in South Franklin township, and the matter came before the court upon a mandamus directed to the county commissioners. To this the commissioners filed an answer, and the attorney general of the state filed a demurrer. This put the case up to the courts for adjudication and was disposed of by the decision of Judge Irwin.

The bridge wason a toll road which was taken over by the state in 1913 and which has been maintained as a state highway since that time. The court reviewed all the acts bearing on the case and finally concludes that it is the duty of the county commissioners to keep the bridge in repair.

It was not the purpose of the commissioners to evade any duty but a point of law was involved which they desired to have cleared up, and now that thecourt says it is their duty to look after the bridge, the structure will be taken care of as soon as possible

CASH REGISTER MOVING PICTURES

On the evening of October 26 the National Cash Register company of Dayton, Ohio, will give a moving picture exhibition in the hall of the Charleroi Savings and Trust company building. These pictures will show many interesting scenes, not only in connection with the main factory of the company, but also as to the manner of conducting various retail enterprises; likewise how a store should be kept, the neatness and cleanliness, as well as some others which are not in keeping with modern ideas. These latter by way of a contract. The exhibition will be given under direction of the Charleroi Business Men's Association, and an invitation will be extended to all business men and clerks to be in attendance.

JEWISH RESIDENTS ORGANIZE CLUB

A "Mothers Club" was formed by the Jewish residents of Charleroi last Wednesday night, at Mrs. Lichter's residence. The object of this club is to assist the unfortunates of Europe and to look after the welfare of the Jewish children of the community. To this end a religious school was formed for these children, the first class being held on Sunday last, with a large attendance. The teachers who volunteered their services were the Misses Goldsmith, Wein, Rosenbloom, Rubenstein and Friedman Messrs. Greenberg and Stone volunteered their services as Superintendent and assistant superintendent respectfully.

The officers and members of "The Tree of Life" Synagogue held their annual meeting and election on Sunday last. The following officers were elected.

President—Mr. Rubenstein.

Treasurer—Mr Birken.

Secretary—Mr Lewis.

Donations for the war sufferers of Europe were received from Messrs. Sam Stone of Philadelphia, I. Birken, Mr [illegible], Mr. Lewis, Mr. [illegible] [illegible] Mr [illegible] of Charleroi. Addresses were made by Messrs Birken, Stone and Greenberg.

DIED AT HER HOME IN SPEERS SUNDAY

Mrs. Eva Domulewicz died at her home in Speers borough, Sunday morning at 6 o'clock in the 64th year of her age. Funeral services Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Mother of Sorrows church, Charleroi, conducted by Rev. Wisinewski, of Monessen.

The best flower show ever seen in this valley at Haube's. 98-t2

JAZZ MUSIC FOE OF BLUES

Does Not Consist, as Is Generally Believed, of Lot of Noise Without Rhyme or Reason.

Various descriptions of jazz music have from time to time appeared, but none seem to hit the mark exactly, says a connoisseur of this art. The common impression is that it consists of a lot of peculiar and noisy sounds without rhyme or reason. This is not the case, however. It consists chiefly of syncopation, peculiarly accentuated; variations by some of the instruments; improvisations by others, mingled with odd sound effects. Through all this the melody of the selections rendered must be distinguishable at all times—tin can noises, beating the life out of the drums, blasting by the brass instruments is entirely unnecessary. Contrasts between pianissimo and fortissimo passages should be shown just as much in jazz music as in the classics.

Another wrong impression is that jazz orchestras must consist of a certain instrumentation. This also is not the case. The violin, 'cello, cornet, piano, or in fact, any legitimate instrument, can be used. As jazz music is originally Ethiopian, the banjo and saxophone are used merely to lend negro character to it.

The number of musicians that can jazz properly is said to be small, because it really requires good musicians, who must also be endowed with the swing or knock of performing it. Although many of the cafe and theater orchestras are composed of good musicians, those who can jass are scarce. On the other hand, many of the self-styled jazz orchestras are misrepresentations, and cannot play the semiclassics or classics adequately. Some cannot perform it properly, and to offset this, resort to noise and discord in imitation thereof. The percentage of musicians who can do justice to the classics and also play jazz is consequently even smaller. This kind of orchestra is exceedingly scarce.

Jazz music is rhythmic and inspiring. It is declared the best antidote for the blues.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

GREAT PROFIT ON STEAMERS

One Vessel Sold for $2,000,000 More Than It Cost After Being in Service for Five Months.

Some idea of the tremendous advance in the price of vessel property and the fabulous prices now being paid for vessels that can be bought is shown in the sale of the Boston steamer Tidewater, which has changed ownership after running in the coal-carrying trade to this port for less than five months says the Boston Globe. The big collier cost to build about $570,000, and was sold for more than $2,600,000, a profit of more than $2,000,000.

The Tidewater was built at the New York Shipbuilding company's yard, Camden, N. J., and was completed early the present year. The vessel is constructed of steel, is 368.6 feet long, 55.2 feet beam and 30.5 feet depth of hold. Her net tonnage is 3,354 and gross tonnage 5,266. She was owned by Castner, Curran & Bullitt, and was sold to the American-Italian Steamship company of New York.

Mexico an Indian Country?

It is of importance to inquire into the attitude taken by the southern Indians of Mexico toward the official Spanish civilization, says the New Republic. If it is difficult for an outsider only slightly acquainted with the southern Indians to understand the reasons for their marked hatred of the Spaniards . . . it seems self-evident of anyone who has spent any time with them. To the southern Indians, the Spaniard and his successor, the Spanish-speaking Mexican, is the cruel alien conqueror. They feel that they are Indians and that Mexico is an Indian country. For instance, one of the common objections to Madero encountered in Oaxaca was that he was not an Indian and that the president of Mexico should be an Indian. This attitude is significant, and it is not strange to find even a northern Indian like Huerta proudly exclaiming: "Yo so Indiano." Carransa's lack of popularity in the south is not so much due to the fact that southern Mexico is the home of Diaz as to the fact that Carranza is not an Indian.

Piece of Fir 515 Years Old.

The forestry office at Portland, Ore. received from one of the Washington rangers a specimen of Douglas fir known to be 515 years old. The tree when 125 years old, fell to the ground, where a cedar tree took root in the log and grew undisturbed for 2[illegible] years. The cedar was recently cut into shingle bolts, and the specimen of fir was found in its root. Woodsmen can tell accurately the age of a tree by the number of rings shown in the trunk stump when the tree is felled.

The fir specimen is sound, and is thought to be the oldest of its kind in existence.

Witchcraft Grip Morocco.

To those who know of the occupation of Morocco by the French and of their great work in that country, it may seem strange there should still remain firmly implanted in the lives of the people the most persistent and pernicious forms of witchcraft. For many years the French have endeavored to uproot the belief and to convert the ones who practice its evil tenets, but to little avail. Today witchcraft is believed in and is practiced as it was in ancient times, and that wonderfully rich land is kept in a state of near-savagery by its influence.

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FOR RENT—Furnished rooms on McKean avenue. Inquire 23 Mail office. 99-t3

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WANTED—Office girl No experience necessary but must have good education. Apply 19 Mail office. 97-t3p

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply 114 Lincoln avenue. 97-tf

WANTED AT ONCE—Electrician capable of doing wiring and taking care of motors. Apply to the Master Mechanic, Hassey-Binns Steel company. 98-t2

WANTED—Experienced girl to work in a grocery store. Apply to the National Grocery. 98-tt3

WANTED—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping, with use of bath private bath preferred. Address 22 Mail office. 98-t2p

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WANTED—Woman to do washing and ironing. Apply at Rosenblooms. 99-t3

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I. P. HEPLER,
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RIVER COAL SELLS TOWING STEAMER

The steamer James Moren, which was owned by the Pittsburg Coal company, has been sold to the Barrett Transportation Company of Cincinnati. The Moren was built by the Advance Coal Company about twenty years ago, and was used in the Cincinnati and Louisville towing trade. The Moren was one of the best boats of her class, and did [illegible] both for the Advance Coal company and the River [illegible]. The boat has been on the lower Ohio for some timee, doing work for the Pittsburg owners, but now has been disposed of. The Pittsburg Coal company is pursuing a policy of disposing of its larger towing steamers, leaving a number of others which are now out of commission and which are tied at the bank in various landings along the Monongahela. These boats, when originally built, cost several thousand dollars and are still worth a great deal of money. However, it is likely that Pittsburg has seen the last of these big and powerful boats and because of the complete transformation of thecoal shipping business, the services of such large towing steamers not being required.

Renewal of Charter

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of Bank of Charleroi, chartered under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the Office of Place of business, of said Bank of Charleroi, corner of Fallowfield Avenue and Fifth Street in the Borough of Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania, on the 8th day of November A. D., 1917, from 2 o'clock p. m. to 3 o'clock p. m. to vote for or against the proposition to renew and extend the charter, corporate rights and franchises of said Bank of Charleroi in accordance with and under the provisions of the Act of Assembly of May 10th, 1889, P. L. 185, for the period of twenty years from the 17th day of January, 1918, the date upon which said Bank's present charter, corporate rights and franchises expire.

Kerfoot W. Daly,
Cashier.
William I. Berryman,
Solicitor.

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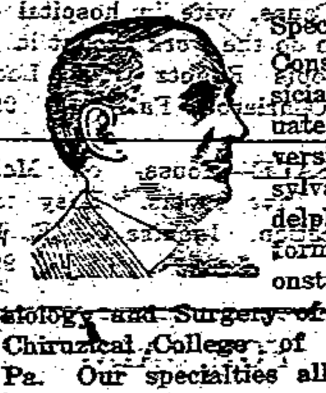

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"PUNKIN" PIE IS BEST OF ALL

Man's Mouth Still Waters When He Thinks of the Kind That Mother Used to Make.

To a man old enough to remember sufficiently far back into his boyhood years to the time when he had never had enough dessert in his life, there is no word in the English language so suggestive of toothsome, feverish joy as pie, plain pie—particularly "punkin."

You can't spell punkin pie with an "m" and a "p," declares a writer in the Milwaukee Journal. Pumpkin pie is the kind one gets in restaurants, flavored with cloves and allspice. "Punkin" pie has cinnamon and ginger in it, and sometimes a hint of an unmentionable heady fluid about which one would not dare ask mother. And of all the smacking, ambrosial delicacies catalogued under the genus "pie," the best is "punkin."

There are other kinds, of course—apple, peach, cherry, squash, blueberry, custard, lemon, mince—and every one probably has its value in the world. Some people even may prefer them. One never can account for different persons' tastes. But for boys, young men and elderly men whose stomachs have not yet grown old, there is none that will approach "punkin," the khaki-colored queen of pastries.

One grows hungry at the thought of "punkin" pie—the crisp, crinkly crust; the thick, rich pungent filling, with the dust of cinnamon tarnishing its tawny top; the creamy, dreamy, velvety, far-away taste as one's mouth closes on its prize. Some appetizing joys there are, but none that exceeds capturing a piece of punkin pie, getting it into one's hands, contrary to all social usage, biting into it, until one almost mires up to one's nose, until one can scarce see over the top of the upstanding crust, and beginning the unequaled delight of devouring the first mouthful. To taste it is to love it, love it and love forever.

THIRTY YEARS' WAR PLAGUES

Sweeping Away of Lives Was Frightful, Combatants Themselves Being Mown Down.

In the famous Thirty Years' war, it is estimated, the population of central and western Europe was reduced from thirty millions to less than fifteen millions, and yet during the whole of that time there were only forty important battles fought, and their total death casualties did not reach half a million.

All the rest of the frightful sweeping away of life was from plague and famine, which not only followed in the wake of the armies, but mowed down the combatants themselves.

Nor was the deadly work of these fierce partners of war—the terrible triple alliance of the prayer book, plague, pestilence and famine—confined to the civil populations. They played equal havoc in the ranks of the armies themselves.

Even as recently as the days of Gustavus Adolphus that great captain is said to have broken up his winter quarters and begun his summer campaign nearly two months earlier than he had intended because at the rate at which his soldiers were dying from disease in their huts and barracks he would soon have had no army left to campaign with.

Kicked Himself to Freedom.

Prisoners of war have had many thrilling adventures in their attempts to escape across the German frontier, but it would be hard to find a more remarkable story than the following, told in a Dutch paper: Four British escaped prisoners of war, one Frenchman and seven Russians arrived at Oldenzaal, besides two German deserters. An amusing incident took place in the case of one of the Russians. He was seized by the German sentry when in the act of crossing the frontier, and in the course of the ensuing struggle threw himself on the ground. He fell half way on Dutch and half way on German territory. The Dutch sentry came to his rescue and tried to pull him across by the shoulders. The German pulled at the other end. When the Russian found that the Dutchman was helping him he started kicking with all his might, with the happy result that he was safely pulled onto Dutch territory.

Sausage Makers' Repartee.

An old story which is being revived nowadays concerns two rival sausage makers. They lived on opposite sides of a certain street in London, and one day one of them placed over his shop the legend, "We sell sausages to the gentry and nobility of the country." The next day, over the way, appeared the sign, "We sell sausages to the gentry and nobility of the whole country." Not to be outdone, the rival put up what he evidently regarded as a final statement, namely: "We sell sausages to the king." Next day there appeared over the door of the first sausage maker the simple expression of loyalty, "God save the king."

Hailstorm Insurance in Germany.

Hailstorm insurance is more extensively carried on in Germany than in any other country. During the last 45 years the German hail insurance companies have collected the enormous sum of 1,144,799,000 marks (mark—23.8 cents), in premiums, and have paid out 992,426,000 marks in indemnities. During the year 1915 the companies realized a profit of 7,999,975 marks, which was much in excess of their average earnings, and the business of the year showed an increase in insured values of 404,000,000 marks.—Scientific American.

HUSBAND THE BETTER LOVER

He Is Practical, Demonstrating His Affection in Deeds Rather Than in Words.

Invariably the radiantly happy married woman of fifty has adopted the man's point of view regarding her life. The average man is a better lover than the average woman, because he loves practically, showing affection in acts rather than in words. From the beginning his home is his incentive to effort. Sometimes, after marriage, as demands increase, he becomes so engrossed in his purpose that he forgets to talk of love.

Then it is that the wife, who has small understanding of love in action, pines because she is sure he has grown cold. No, he is at fever heat, lest he fail in providing physical proof of his affection.

The woman who finds happiness in married life has a sufficiently masculine outlook to understand him. She, instead of brooding over imaginary slights, in return proves her devotion by work. Her domestic duties are dignified by love, consequently she can fix her thoughts upon something diverting while she mends socks, forgetting the commonplace.

She can hear the song of the bird or think of the story she read last evening while she does the work of the absent [illegible] her. It is a joy to plan [illegible] meals that [illegible] the [illegible] loved ones. She has [illegible] home.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

RUSSIA COUNTRY OF FAMINE

Peasants, Next to Orientals, Are Regarded as the Hungriest People on Face of Globe.

Next to the proletariat of India and China, the Russian peasant feels the pinch of poverty and hunger more keenly and more frequently than any other citizen on earth, the National Geographic magazine asserts.

One of the earliest famines in Russia of which there is any definite record was that of 1601, which continued for three years, with a death toll of 500,000 peasants. Cats, dogs and rats were eaten; the strong overcame the weak and in the shambles of the public markets human flesh was sold. Multitudes of the dead were found with their mouths stuffed with straw.

Three Russian famines of comparatively recent date were among the most severe in the history of the country. They occurred in 1891, 1906 and 1911. During the ten years following the first of these periods of dearth the government allotted nearly $125,000,000 for relief work, but the sums were not judiciously expended.

The famine of 1911 extended over one-third of the area of the empire in [illegible] and affected more or less 30,[illegible] people, while 8,000,000 were red[illegible] starvation. Weeds, the bar[illegible] bread made from [illegible] diet for the [illegible] widespread and [illegible] which has befallen [illegible] in modern times.

First Woman Doctors.

The first woman admitted to the Ecole Medecine, the famous Paris medical college, who also was the first to become a member of the New York Academy of Medicine, was Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi, who was born in London seventy-five years ago. She was the daughter of George P. Putnam, the New York publisher, and studied in several American schools before taking her degree in Paris in 1871. Two years later she became the bride of Dr. Abraham Jacobi, a native of Germany, who fled that country when charged with "high treason" for participation in a German revolutionary movement, and, settling in New York, became one of the most distinguished of American physicians. Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi was prominent in the profession as professor and hospital physician until her death in 1906. The first woman physician in America was Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, a native of England, who received her degree of M. D. in 1849, and later returned to England to practice her profession.

Spud Is Important.

"The humble potato is destined to play an important part in the present world war. We are warned that as much depends upon bread as bullets, but owing to the scarcity of bread and an overabundance of potatoes, it would seem that more attention must be given to the storing and preserving of this crop.

"Scientists used to say that there was but little food value in the potato. But recently they have learned with others that a little learning is a dangerous thing. Now we are told that there is almost a balanced ration to be found in a bountiful meal of potatoes. At any rate it has been amply proved that there is no single vegetable that brightens so many homes, or feeds so many people as the potato.—Exchange.

No. You Don't!

The late John G. Johnson, the famous Philadelphia lawyer, was once engaged in a case where a certain cantankerous old woman bore witness for the opposition.

Her testimony concluded, the old woman proposed to leave the witness box, but Mr. Johnson said:

"Hold on, madam, I've one or two questions to ask you."

The old woman, however, did not halt in her departure.

"No, ye don't," she said. "None o' yer questions for me. You ain't on our side."

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